Town Council Report (unofficial) Saturday, July 18, 2009

Tom Bredeweg from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) made a renewal pitch to the Town Council since DA did not renew its membership this year due to our current finances, especially the on-going tax problem in Porter County. We're also a tiny community with many part time residents. The Council agreed to reconsider renewing next year.

Commissioner Reports

ROAD - Mark Hull presented quotes for light road paving and crack sealing. He felt crack sealing is more important since it helps preserve the roads from the ravishes of winter. Good news! Salt pricing is coming down. It's now \$76/ton, closer to \$45/ton paid two seasons ago and way down for the \$130/ton paid last season. He expects the price to drop even further even though indications are that we'll have another early and cold winter.

BUILDING - Lou Mellen reported that the building permit for the deck for 31 East Rd has been issued. The demolition at 31 Crest has been completed; new home construction plans are still pending. The remodeling and renovation is wrapping up at 46 Circle. The preliminary plans for a new house on 12 Ridge are still being hashed out; the driveway and pilings are a difficult and complex engineering challenge.

ENVIRONMENTAL - Cathy Bomberger reported that few folks were interested in the "Adopta-Park Program." Cleaning up the beach is of much more interest. Lyme Grass is being eradicated. Spray and clip seed pods! The grant related to the Cowles Bog restoration project has been approved.

OTHER

Ivan Chermel is replacing Rick Demkovich as the new Clubhouse Coordinator. Thank you Rick and Ivan. This is an especially demanding position.

Follow Up

The upgraded front entrance Security System (lighting, cameras and a recorder) is currently a victim of budget problems. However, some folks are trying to raise private funds, too.

The Weaver Boos Flood Waters Report and Recommendations is still due to be completed soon and should be available for public dissemination at the August Town Council meeting.

There was no Plan Commission meeting in July.

Bob Evans, 7/19/09

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